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## CASA of Yavapai County

### November 2012 Newsletter



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## The Juvenile Justice Center promises new opportunities for Yavapai County's youth!

On Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, hundreds gathered as the ribbon was cut on the 64,000 square foot Juvenile Justice Center. Among the speakers were Justice Robert Brutinel and Presiding Superior and Juvenile Court Judge, David Mackey. Incredible progress has been made since we last shared pictures of the site with you from the ground breaking. The facility is nothing short of incredible and will provide Yavapai County's youth (and their families) with many opportunities well beyond the protection a detention center can offer. From increased education programs, centralized Judicial proceedings, and state of the art technology, to abundant staff and program space and ease of parking, the facility will serve the community in ways never seen before. Juvenile Probation will be among the first to call the new building home in early December with Detention, Juvenile Delinquency and Dependency Hearings, and CASA staff following sometime after the first of the year.

### SAVE THE DATE

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Savor the Flavour  
11/2/12 5:30—9:30  
Hassayampa Inn (see page 5)  
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National Adoption Day  
11/17/12  
10:00 ~ Prescott Courthouse,  
3rd floor  
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CASA In-Service Training  
11/19/12  
(see page 9)  
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CASA Holiday Party  
12/7/12 5:00 ~ 7:00  
(See page 10)  
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# Yavapai CASA Calendar

## November, 2012

| M   | T                | W   | T   | F  |
|---|------------------|---|---|--|
|   |                  |   | 1<br>Baby Case<br>Support<br>meeting ~ 10:00  | 2 Best for Babies<br>Court Teams meeting<br>~ 10:00<br>Savor the Flavour (see<br>page 5) |
| 5   | 6<br>FDC ~ 2:30  | 7   | 8<br>Jane's Case<br>Support ~ 11:00   | 9  |
| 12<br>Veteran's Day ~<br>Office Closed<br><br>C for K Board<br>meeting ~ 4:00 | 13               | 14<br>Case Support<br>with Mike<br>Wade ~ 11:00 | 15<br>Time for Teens<br>(monthly meeting)<br>~ 9:30                                       | 16   |
| 19<br>CASA In-Service<br>Training<br>(see page 9)                             | 20<br>FDC ~ 2:30 | 21  | 22<br> | 23<br>Holiday ~ Office<br>Closed   |
| 26  | 27               | 28  | 29  | 30   |

### November at a glance ...

- 11/1 Baby Case Support meeting, Courthouse, Room 307, 10:00
- 11/2 Best for Babies Court Teams meeting, Fair Street, 10:00
- 11/2 Savor the Flavour, Hassayampa Inn, 5:30 pm (see page 5)
- 11/6 & 20 Family Drug Court, Courthouse Room 104, Pro-Tem B Courtroom, 2:30 ~ 5:00
- 11/8 Jane's Case Support, Yavapai Title, 123 N. Montezuma, 11:00
- 11/12 Veteran's Day Holiday ~ office closed
- 11/12 C for K Board meeting, Visiting Center, United Methodist Church 4:00 ~ 5:00
- 11/14 Case Support with Mike Wade, Yavapai Title, 123 N. Montezuma, 11:00
- 11/15 Time for Teens monthly meeting, Yavapai Title, 123 N. Montezuma 9:30 ~ 11:30
- 11/19 CASA In-Service Training with Kim McIntyre with WYGC and Vivian Mann with Open Inn / Turning Point Shelter, 10:00 ~ 11:30, room 307
- 11/22 & 23 Office closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday



| M                                   | T   | W  | T   | F   |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| 3                                   | 4<br>FDC ~ 2:30   | 5  | 6<br>Baby Case<br>Support<br>meeting 10:00        | 7<br>Best for Babies<br>Court Teams<br>meeting 10:00<br><b>*Holiday Party,<br/>see page 10*</b> |
| 10<br>C for K Board<br>meeting 4:00 | 11  | 12   | 13<br>Jane's Case<br>Support, 11:00               | 14  |
| 17                                  | 18<br>FDC ~ 2:30  | 19<br>Case Support<br>with Mike Wade,<br>11:00 | 20<br>Time for Teens<br>(monthly meeting)<br>9:30 | 21  |
| 24                                  |  | 26   | 27  | 28  |
| 31                                  |   |  |   |   |

*December at a glance*

## December at a glance

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|---|-----------|--|
| ☆ | 12/4 & 18 | Family Drug Court, Courthouse Room 104, Pro-Tem B Courtroom, 2:30 ~ 5:00     |
| ☆ | 12/6      | Baby Case Support meeting, Courthouse, Room 307, 10:00                       |
| ☆ | 12/7      | Best for Babies Court Teams meeting, Fair Street, 10:00                      |
| ☆ | 12/7      | Holiday Party, see page 10   |
| ☆ | 12/10     | C for K Board Meeting, Visiting Center, United Methodist Church 4:00 ~ 5:00  |
| ☆ | 12/13     | Jane's Case Support, Yavapai Title, 123 N. Montezuma, 11:00                  |
| ☆ | 12/19     | Case Support with Mike Wade, Yavapai Title, 123 N. Montezuma, 11:00          |
| ☆ | 12/20     | Time for Teens monthly meeting, Yavapai Title, 123 N. Montezuma 9:30 ~ 11:30 |
| ☆ | 12/25     | Merry Christmas  |

# TIME FOR TEENS

## Time 4 Teens Update

The Time 4 Teens coalition continues to work on the Time 4 Teens brochure. Once finalized, we will start the publication process and distribute the brochure throughout the county.

The Transitional Youth Index (TYI) has been updated. The TYI is now in word.doc thereby making it easier to use online. The TYI has been introduced and discussed with several CPS offices.

The next step is to place the TYI on the CASA web site.

The Time 4 Teens coalition is fine tuning the Logo contest. The Logo contest is for teens who are in foster care. The contest ends November 30th, the teen with the winning Logo will receive a \$50.00 cash prize. The Logo will be used on all Time 4 Teens brochures and documents.

Mike Wade, CASA coordinator is now the chair person until someone has been identified to take on this challenge. Please contact Mike at 928-777-7900 if you have interest in becoming the chair or would like to join the coalition.

The Time 4 Teens coalition meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Yavapai Title Building, 123 Montezuma, Prescott, AZ.





# Yavapai CASA for Kids, Inc.

Please consider attending:

"Savor the Flavour" of the Titanic (100th anniversary of the ship's sailing)

4th anniversary of the Prescott Valley Rotary Club "Savor the Flavour" Fundraising Event

Event to Benefit 5 local non-profits, including Yavapai CASA for Kids

Friday, November 2, 5:30 - 9:30 PM at the Hassayampa Inn.

\$50 per ticket (includes 2 wine-tasting tickets, sumptuous buffet of hors d'oeuvres including a roast beef carving station, and Irish music by John Good)

To purchase tickets and learn more about the event, go to [www.pvrsavortheflavor.com](http://www.pvrsavortheflavor.com)



**PRESCOTT VALLEY  
ROTARY CLUB**

4th Annual **100th Anniversary**

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Prescott  
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Classical music entertainment  
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**2nd Class \$75**  
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Heavy Hors D'Oeuvres  
Celtic Music by John Good  
3 wine tasting tickets per person

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Heavy Hors D'Oeuvres  
Celtic Music by John Good  
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## Yavapai CASA for Kids, Inc.

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# Annual Christmas Toy Drive Shopping Extravaganza

*for CASAs, Foster Parents and CPS Case Managers*

**DISTRIBUTION OF GIFTS COLLECTED THROUGH THE  
YAVAPAI CASA FOR KIDS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE**

**CASAs:**

**MONDAY, DEC. 17, 9 A.M. – 2 P.M.**

**Foster Parents, CPS & CASAs:**

**TUESDAY, DEC. 18, 9 A.M. – 3 P.M.**

**Distribution location**

**The Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 3600  
218 N. Cortez St., Prescott**



**SUPPORT A CHILD ♥ CHANGE A LIFE**

Yavapai CASA for Kids Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that serves the unmet needs of abused, neglected and/or abandoned youth up to age 21 who are or have been in the care of the Court and to support the work of the CASA program and the CASA volunteers.

# Yavapai CASA for Kids, Inc.

## Non-Profit Stocking Stuffer Fair

**This year, the annual Non-Profit Stocking Stuffer Fair will take place on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, at the Prescott Armory on Gurley, between 10 AM – 4 PM.**

**CASA for Kids is very fortunate this year because a local artist, Sara Balistreri (who makes lovely dichroic glass and silver wire earrings), has taken a booth and will be donating a percentage of her sales to our organization. In addition, Eileen Bond, who makes beautiful beaded jewelry, will also be donating some items to be sold at Sara's booth.**

**The booth is E1, on the corner of the 5<sup>th</sup> row (next to the doors facing the street), so it should be easy to spot as soon as you enter the Armory.**

**Traditionally, this Stocking Stuffer Fair has been a wonderful way to find lots of last-minute holiday gifts, while supporting local non-profits. We hope you'll be able to attend.**



As a CASA with two open cases, I want to thank Yavapai CASA for Kids for making gift cards available for our CASA kids to celebrate birthdays and other important events. I was able to give one of your Wal-Mart gift cards to my CASA teen yesterday at our last CFT - she transitions to adulthood this Sunday. She also received one of your cards from her ILS worker and she plans to use them to renew her cell phone time. To put this in perspective, her cell phone is her MOST important possession and constantly in use. This Friday I will be giving another Wal-Mart card to my CASA "young man" for his 13th birthday. That will probably result in some sort of video game.

I hope all CASAs and CPS workers will have as much fun distributing these cards as I have had. It's really easy, just pick one up from the CASA office when a special event is coming up.

Eileen Bond CASA

## Best for Babies



### Improving Outcomes for Arizona's Infants and Toddlers in Juvenile Court

#### Statewide Symposium, September 18, 2012

(The Administrative Office of the Courts and Prevent Child Abuse Arizona/Best for Babies Project held a statewide training day for 14 Juvenile Courts and their "Court Teams" on September 18, 2012 in Phoenix. The following is a summary of that meeting.)

Calling Arizona a "model for the nation" the keynote speaker at the Arizona Best for Babies' third statewide symposium, cited "fantastic progress in meeting the unique needs of babies in foster care."

"You should all be proud," Sheryl Dicker, JD, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and Family Law, at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, New York provided the keynote presentation, "Building Bridges for Babies: Using a Checklist of Essential Services to Assure Timely Services & Promote Healthy Development".

Judicial Officers, CASA Coordinators, Attorneys, and representatives of Behavioral Health, AzEIP, and Child Protective Services from Apache, Coconino, Cochise, Gila, Graham, Greenlee, Maricopa, Mohave, Navajo, Pima, Pinal, Santa Cruz, Yavapai and Yuma counties were there.

Additional presenters included Katherine Guffey, Department of Economic Security/Division of Economic Security, on the numbers of infants and toddlers entering and leaving the foster care system in Arizona by county; and Gaylene Morgan, Arizona Attorney General's Office who encouraged counties to move toward a statewide template for their Checklist of Essential Services for Young Dependent Children.

Juvenile Court judges use the Checklist to provide greater oversight of each child in the court, so that their unique health, developmental and attachment needs are met, while their parents improve their capacity for safe, nurturing parenting.

The Best for Babies program started in Yavapai County, through the leadership of then Presiding Superior Court Judge Robert Brutinel. A handful of other juvenile courts around the country have adopted similar programs but Arizona is the first state to have virtually all of its maltreated infants and toddlers in courts where judges and child welfare providers are working together to improve outcomes for these vulnerable young children.



## Coordinator's Corner

### CASA Training

*Please join the CASA Program for presentations by:*

*Kim McIntyre, Child and Family  
Therapist with West Yavapai  
Guidance Clinic regarding 'Mood  
Disorders' and  
Vivian Mann with Open Inn /  
Turning Point Shelter with  
information about their program  
and services.*

**Monday, November 19**

**10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

**Prescott Downtown  
Courthouse  
Room 307**

## Coordinator's Corner

The **CASA Program** cordially  
invites you and a guest to their

# ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

December 7, 2012  
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Trinity Presbyterian Church  
630 Park Avenue  
Prescott, AZ 86303

Please R.S.V.P. by November 21 to  
Myla Smith at  
[msmith2@courts.az.gov](mailto:msmith2@courts.az.gov)

## Coordinator's Corner

### Helping Children Learn is Everyone's Job

Children are always ready to learn but are we prepared to help them? The role of adults in the child's learning ability cannot be understated and this does not just mean educators. Parents, Foster Parents, extended family members, mentors, and CASAs all have the ability to make a difference in a child's educational success. It may surprise you to know that many children are often labeled "Unsuccessful at Kindergarten". A child's level of success should be seen more in their "readiness" for learning than their academic achievement at a young age. As we know abuse and neglect have a profound effect on development and therefore on long term learning ability but adult relationships with children and education providers can help to change the learning landscape.

One simple way that every adult can help a child learn is to get involved. Forming relationships with school personnel, providing classroom support, and staying involved in a child's educational life regardless of your role in the child's family life will help the child succeed academically. Many people approach the child's school involvement as 'separate' from the home environment and only the responsibility of the school system. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Other ways to get involved with learning readiness:

- Be a part of the child's learning readiness team which includes – child, school, family, and community. Talk to children about their education – and listen.
- Meet teachers and ask about educational programs.
- Encourage early learning at home for pre-Kindergarten readiness. A child is never too young to learn and younger children respond well to learning through "play".
- Promote learning success through supporting general well-being, and motor, social, and emotional development.
- Assess the possibility of developmental delays early to allow the child the best chance for success.
- Talk to children about pertinent issues that can affect learning – peer pressure, bullying, social interaction, drugs, responsibility, and accountability. Mentors can make a difference strictly through paying attention to the issues that children struggle with. Let a child know you are there to help and teach them that it is okay to ask for help.
- Support daily "practice" for better learning. Reading to a child, helping with homework, or providing fun activities that promote learning, are great ways to foster educational confidence and success.
- Offer constant praise and reinforcement. From celebrating successes and milestones, to looking for one positive thing in a negative situation (parts of a test that were done well even when the overall grade was less than favorable) help to foster self-confidence and increase a child's desire to improve. Give the child a reason to do better next time and create an environment that lets the child know you are eager to hear about their school activities.
- Get involved and stay involved. It is so much easier for a child to fail to apply themselves if they believe no one cares about their efforts or success, or simply have the impression that no one is watching.
- For older children – get involved in their social group functions – dances, clubs, and performances.
- Attend the child's school functions and conferences and just "visit" the classroom once in a while.
- Talk to the teacher about providing a snack or treat for the entire class in support of a special learning activity – and participate.
- Ask a child's teacher for their email address and communicate weekly on successes that can be celebrated at home, challenges that can be addressed, and for the opportunity to let the child know you are interested in their ongoing activities.

Adult participation in a child's education can absolutely change the child's outlook and future. Bridge the school-home gap for learning success.



## Coordinator's Corner

The CASA office is presenting the final training for the year. Therefore, CASAs who are needing training hours can benefit by attending the training on November 19<sup>th</sup> here at the court house.

Other ways of getting training include: reading the CASA newsletter and recording it on your activity log, checking out reading material from the office, on-line training modules through [CASAofArizona.org](http://CASAofArizona.org) and /or attending other trainings in the community. (Please contact the CASA office prior to attending those trainings to insure that you will receive credit for them).

Your coordinators are here to help and support you in this effort. \*\*\* Please note that CASA requires that you have 12 hours of training annually.\*\*\* Please contact your coordinator if you have questions or concerns.

For you who are in town over the holidays, please make plans to attend the CASA Holiday Party. The date is December 7, 2012. Judge Mackey and others are sure to attend. We want to show appreciation for the work and advocacy you have done all year long. It is also an opportunity to spend time with other CASAs and friends.

11/8 Lynda Ransom

11/16 Michael Broome

11/17 Mike Chavez

11/21 Cinda Berman

11/25 Janet Lincoln

11/27 Christa Lasater

11/27 Katy Crago



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Yavapai CASA for Kids generously donates gift cards (various denominations and designs available) for CASAs to celebrate birthdays, special events, and/or big (or yes, even little) accomplishments with their CASA children. Every foster child can use a little "celebration". In addition, the board provides \$10 gas cards for CASAs that travel long distances to visit their children. Please contact the CASA office for details at 771-3165

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